

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between the title of the invention and the first line of the text, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This Application is a Section 371 National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/010180, filed September 12, 2003 and published as WO 2004/053422 A1 on June 24, 2004, not in English, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

FIELD OF INVENTION

Page 1, after line 2 of the text, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, after line 31 (before the start of the last paragraph), insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 6, after line 23, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, after line 36 (before the start of the last paragraph), insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 11 and ending on page 11, line 17 with the following paragraph:

When the cartridge identification has been read by the apparatus 1 located within the firearm, the user has been authenticated over the authentication interface 8 and/or the required data have been received via the data interface 7 and the cartridge password has been calculated and has been transmitted to the cartridge or the apparatus 11, a shot can be released. In preferred embodiments, the releasing of the cartridge 3 or the energy barrier 15 is performed by transmitting of the correct cartridge password prior to or with operating the trigger or transferring of the firing energy or the ~~energy~~firing impulse.